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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Decision mailed December 5, 2002 from the Office of Petitions wherein the Applicants' Petition, mailed June 28, 2002, was dismissed.

In the Decision, it was indicated that the decision to dismiss Applicants' Petition was because: one, the statement of proof that the non-signing inventor could not be reached or refused to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the Application papers was insufficient and two, the declaration submitted with the Petition was not in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116.

In response to the first reason for dismissal, Applicants have included herewith an amended Declaration of Facts under 37 CFR 1.47(a). Due to an oversight in drafting the original Declaration of Facts, the originally filed Declaration of Facts failed to indicate that Mr. Malaret was provided with a copy of the Application as filed for his review. Paragraph # 4 of the Declaration submitted herewith properly states that the declarant, on May 1, 2002, did in fact send Mr. Malaret a complete copy of the Application as filed along with the Assignment, Inventors Declaration and a letter requesting that Mr. Malaret sign the Declaration and Assignment.

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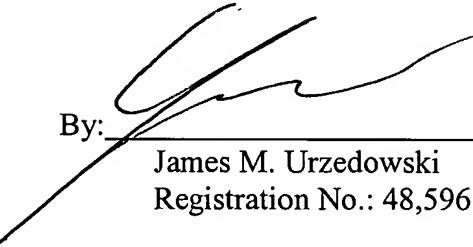
In regard to the second reason for dismissal, in accordance with Senior Petitions Attorney Christina Tartera Donnel's instructions, included herewith are amended copies of the Inventors' Declaration of inventorship wherein the formerly missing addresses of some of the inventors have been added. It is noted, that all of the Inventors were all sent identical copies of the Application, Declaration and Assignment papers on May 1, 2002.

It is believed that the enclosed Declaration of Facts under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and the amended copies of the Declaration of inventorship previously submitted address the issues identified in the Decision of December 5, 2002.

In light of the above, Applicants' respectfully request that the Petition of June 28, 2002 be reconsidered.

Respectfully submitted,

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